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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PHILIPPINE ENVIRONMENT SECRETARY TO SABAH

1. SABAH NEWSPAPERS (BUT NOT THOSE IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA) COVERED THE VISIT TO KOTA KINABALU LAST WEEK OF GOP NATIONAL RESOURCES SECRETARY JOSE LEIDO REPORTEDLY TO INVESTIGATE THE "RED TIDE" WHICH HAS ADVERSELY AFFECTED FISHERIES IN SARAWAK, BRUNEI AND WESTERN SABAH FOR THE PAST TWO MONTHS. LEIDO WAS ESCORTED DURING HIS VISIT BY THE NEW STATE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT DR. JAMES ONGKILI. AMONG OTHER ACTIVITIES, HE CALLED ON CHIEF MINISTER TUN MOHD. FUAD STEPHENS WHO HOSTED A RECEPTION FOR LEIDO AT KOTA KINABALU'S PREMIER RESTAURANT, THE GARDENIA, MAY 10.

2. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH CONTACTS BETWEEN THE PHILIPPINES AND SABAH ARE FREQUENT WITH MANY SABAHANS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE DIRECT AIR SERVICE TO MANILA TO VACATION THERE (THE PHILIPPINE CAPITAL IS OVER 200 MILES CLOSER TO KK THAN KUALA LUMPUR),THIS IS THE FIRST HIGH LEVEL VISIT TO SABAH BY A PHILIPPINE OFFICIAL IN RECENT MEMORY. IT WOULD BE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHETHER MR. LEIDO DISCUSSED ANYTHING MORE THAN THE RED TIDE PROBLEM

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